

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JANUARY 4, 2016**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Monday, January 4, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
John Bell	Present
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose. The purpose of the special meeting was to make certain appointments.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Seitz said the council needs to appoint a president pro tempore for 2016.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to appoint Council member Kevin Manley president pro tempore.

Council member Dean Vonderheide said he would like to nominate Council member Nancy Eckerle. Manley and Eckerle then gave their qualifications. Council member John Bell said both are qualified but he didn't want to get mixed up in oil and water type issues and personalities and things like that so it makes more sense to go with Nancy. Council members Earl Schmitt, David Hurst, and Gregory Schnarr felt Manley has been on the council the longest and for seniority reasons Manley should hold the position.

Mayor Seitz then called for the vote with a show of hands to appoint Council member Kevin Manley president pro tempore for 2016. The motion carried 4-3 with Council members Gregory Schnarr, David Hurst, Earl Schmitt, and Kevin Manley voting aye while Council members John Bell, Nancy Eckerle, and Dean Vonderheide voted nay.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL

The council needs to appoint people to serve on the following boards; Board of Zoning Appeals, Dubois County Solid Waste District, Plan Commission, Jasper Community Arts Commission, Redevelopment Commission, and the Utility Service Board.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to appoint Matthew Schaick to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to appoint John Bell to the Dubois County Solid Waste District. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to appoint Council member Earl Schmitt to the Plan Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to appoint Jay Hamlin to the Jasper Community Arts Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to appoint John Schroeder and John Bell to the Redevelopment Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

Council member Nancy Eckerle recommended Michael Kern and Derek Smith, both republicans, for the Utility Service Board [USB]. Council member Gregory Schnarr said the council needs to decide which appointee is replacing which board member. Doug Schulte's term expired at the end of 2015 and he asked not to be reappointed. David Hurst's term expires at the end of 2016 but he resigned since he was elected to serve on the council. Rick Stradtner serves on the USB as a democrat but next year if he is reappointed his record could show he is a republican which means the appointments border on going on five republican appointees and the City's ordinance does not allow more than four USB members of the same political party.

Thereafter, a motion was made was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Bell to appoint Michael Kern to replace Doug Schulte and appoint Derek Smith to replace David Hurst. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL/LIBRARY BOARD

Council member Dean Vonderheide said he is the council's appointee to the library board. He would like to continue that role on the library board and would recuse himself on the council if any library matters come before the council.

It was the consensus of the council to continue the appointment as long as Vonderheide recuses himself on the council if any library matters come before the council.

RESCHEDULED MEETING

Because four council members will be attending IACT's newly elected officials training in Indianapolis on January 20 and 21, 2016, the board discussed moving the January 20, 2016 council meeting to Thursday, January 21, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to move the January 2016 council meeting to Thursday, January 21, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments. Council member John Bell said he would like to receive some year-to-date financial information.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without correction or clarification this 21st day of January, 2016.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer